

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Employees

FROM: R. J. Dominic
Director, Finance Office/Comptroller

SUBJECT: Travel Transmittal Number 18

The purpose of this transmittal is to update certain NOAA Travel Regulation (NTR), regarding foreign travel. The Transmittal has been posted on the NOAA Travel Office (NTO) web page at <http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/~finance/travel.html>. Please visit our web page to view or to update your NTR. (This new edition follows the plain language format of the Federal Travel Regulation.)

Please contact Rachael Wivell on (301) 444-2136 or Pat Oliver on (301) 444-2155 in the NOAA Travel Office (NTO), if you have any questions.

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Holders of the NOAA Travel Handbook

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1. Filing Instructions for the NOAA Travel Regulation (NTR). Replacement pages for your NTR are attached as follows:

Remove

Pages 306-5-2 through 306-5-5
dated July 1, 2005

Insert

Pages 306-5-2 through 306-5-5
dated October 1, 2005

2. Explanation of Changes. The attached pages update new passport application requirements for foreign travel.

3. File this cover memorandum in the front of the NTR. Clarification or assistance regarding travel policies and/or procedures may be obtained by calling your servicing Administrative Support Center travel office listed below:

Seattle------(206) 526-6008
Boulder------(303) 497-5307
Kansas City---(816) 426-7543 x431
Norfolk------(757) 441-6897
NOAA Travel Office--(301) 444-2136 or 444-2155

Attachments

NOAA TRAVEL REGULATION (NTR) CHECKSHEET FOR CHAPTERS 300 and 301

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306-5.3 Where do I obtain passport forms for official travel?

All passport forms (DS-11, DS-82, DS-4085, DS-5504) **must be completed on line** and printed on paper so the applicant can sign and date the application. Passport applications that print on more than one sheet of paper must be printed on one-sided sheets of paper and cannot be printed on one sheet of paper back-to-back. Passport applications can be found at www.travel.state.gov/passport. Each on-line passport application contains a 2-D Barcode, which enables the DOS to populate encrypted data, filled out by the applicant, into their system. **NOTE:** NMFS employees must annotate “CRMF” and all other employees must annotate “CROA” in the “Mail Passport to” section of the application. All employees will indicate the following address in the “Mail Passport to” section of the application: NTO, 20020 Century Blvd, Suite 1C, Germantown, MD 20874. You will need to indicate your home address in the “Permanent Address” section of the application.

306-5.4 How do I apply for an official passport?

There is no charge for official passports since they are deemed no-fee passports. However, applicants who use the “DS-11, Application for Passport” may be charged a processing fee which is reimbursable via a travel voucher. If you expect to travel frequently, you may request a 48-page passport to accommodate the additional visa stamps. You may apply for an official passport in one of the following two ways:

- 1) “DS-11, Application for Passport,” is used if you have **never** been issued a passport (either personal or official), or if you have a passport that was issued **more** than 15 years ago. Once notified that the DS-11 will be used, the NTO will send you an original and a photocopy of a letter of authorization. You will need to apply in person at the nearest Passport Office, Clerk of the Circuit Court, or Federal District Court, and provide a photo ID, along with the following paperwork to a certified passport agent:
 - an original and photocopy of a letter of authorization provided by the NTO,
 - a “DS-11, Application for Passport” completed on-line and printed on one-sided sheets of paper and **cannot be signed until** you appear in person in front of a certified passport agent,
 - two passport-size photographs (2"x 2"), and
 - a birth certificate with a raised seal.

Once you are sworn in by a certified passport agent, all of the above mentioned paperwork will be express mailed to the DOS in Washington, D.C. for processing. Once complete, the DOS will forward the new official passport to the NTO. The NTO will express mail the passport to the traveler to be signed for future visas. Allow four to six weeks processing time for DS-11 forms (not including visas).

2) “DS-82, Passport Application by Mail,” is used if you have a passport (either personal or expired official) that was issued within the last 15 years. You will submit the following paperwork through your foreign travel contact to the NTO:

- a DS-82 form which must be completed on-line and printed on one-sided sheets of paper (original signature and date required),
- two passport-size photographs (2"x 2"), and
- either a personal or official passport issued within the last 15 years.

The NTO will submit the above mentioned paperwork to the DOS for processing. Once complete, the DOS will forward the new official passport to the NTO. The NTO will express mail the passport to the traveler to be signed for future visas. Allow four weeks processing time for DS-82 forms (not including visas). **NOTE:** Any personal documentation, such as a personal passport, an expired official passport, or a birth certificate used in this process will be returned to the traveler upon completion of the travel package.

306-5.5 What form do I use when I need to change identifying information in my passport or to extend the validity of my limited passport?

In order to change identifying information in the passport, to correct a printing error, or to extend the validity of a previously limited passport, you will submit the following paperwork through your foreign travel contact to the NTO:

- a “DS-5504, U.S. Passport Re-application Form” which must be completed on-line and printed on one-sided sheets of paper (original signature and date required),
- two passport-size photographs (2"x 2"),
- evidence to support a name change or other change in descriptive data, and
- the official passport to be updated.

The NTO will submit the above mentioned paperwork to the DOS for processing. Once complete, the DOS will forward the **new** official passport to the NTO. The NTO will express mail the passport to the traveler to be signed for future visas. Allow four weeks processing time for DS-5504 forms (not including visas).

NOTE: Changing identifying information in the passport or extending the validity of a limited passport after one year must be done using either the DS-82 or DS-11 forms. However, all printing errors must be corrected using the DS-5504.

306-5.6 What form do I use to add additional visa pages to my official passport?

In order to add additional visa pages to your official passport, you will submit the following paperwork through your foreign travel contact to the NTO:

- a “DS-4085, Application for Additional Visa Pages”, and
- the official passport.

The NTO will submit the above mentioned paperwork to the DOS for processing. Once complete, the DOS will forward the new official passport to the NTO. Allow four weeks processing time for DS-5504 forms (not including visas).

306-5.7 What form do I use if my official passport is lost or stolen?

You must notify the NTO **immediately** if your official passport is lost or stolen. Once notified, the NTO will send you an original and a photocopy of a letter of authorization. You will need to reapply in person at the nearest Passport Office, Clerk of the Circuit Court, or Federal District Court. You will need to provide a photo ID and submit:

- an original and photocopy of a letter of authorization provided by the NTO,
- a “DS-64, Statement Regarding Lost or Stolen Passport”, completed on-line and printed on paper (original signature and date required),
- a “DS-11, Application for Passport” completed on-line and printed on one-sided sheets of paper and **cannot be signed** until you appear in person in front of a certified passport agent,
- a memo of explanation supported by police documentation (if possible),
- two passport-size photographs (2"x 2"), and
- a birth certificate with a raised seal.

Once you are sworn in by a certified passport agent, you will sign the DS-11, Passport Application form and all of the above mentioned paperwork will be express mailed to the DOS in Washington, D.C. for processing. Once complete, the DOS will forward the new official passport to the NTO. The NTO will express mail the passport to the traveler to be signed for future visas. Allow four to five weeks processing time for lost/stolen passports (not including visas).

NOTE: Passports issued via the lost/stolen form may be issued as a special, limited passport not to exceed one year and will need to be renewed via the DS-82 form prior to the end of the expiration date.